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BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Joint Application of Mirant Portage County LLC and American Transmission Company LLC for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for Construction of a Large Electric Generating Facility and Associated High Voltage Transmission, and Water Facilities Located in Portage County

05-CE-116

**NOTICE OF PROCEEDING AND
INVESTIGATION AND HEARING**

Direct Testimony Due:	Monday, February 4, 2002 – Noon
Rebuttal Testimony Due:	Wednesday, February 13, 2002 – Noon
Hearing Date:	Monday, February 18, 2002 – 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
Hearing Location:	Elizabeth Inn and Conference Center, 5246 Harding Avenue, Plover, WI

THIS IS A PROCEEDING to consider the joint application of Mirant Portage County, LLC (Mirant) and American Transmission Company LLC (ATC) for authority to construct a large electric power generating facility and associated high-voltage electric transmission and water facilities. Mirant is proposing to build the new natural gas-fueled, combined-cycle power plant with either 590 megawatts (MW) or 930 MW of capacity in the town of Plover and village of Plover in Portage County.

PROJECT LOCATION (see attached map)

Two alternative sites have been proposed by Mirant along Highway 54: a Hayes Avenue Site and a Grant Avenue Site. The Hayes Avenue Site is a 54-acre parcel located in the town of Plover that is bordered by Highway 54 to the north, the Basic American Foods facility to the west, and agricultural fields to the south and east. The Grant Avenue Site is a 32-acre parcel located approximately two miles east-northeast of the Hayes Avenue Site, of which 29 acres are in the town of Plover and three acres are in the village of Plover. It is bordered on the north by Highway 54, on the east by open residential lots and single family residences, on the south by agricultural fields, and on the west by heavy commercial and manufacturing facilities.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that a hearing will be held on Monday, February 18, 2002, at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 and 7:00 p.m. at the Elizabeth Inn and Conference Center, 5246 Harding Avenue, Plover, Wisconsin. This building is accessible to people in wheelchairs. Parking for

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people with disabilities is available. Any person with a disability who needs accommodations should contact the docket coordinator listed below.

Any person desiring to become a party shall file a request pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(2m) and Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 2.32(3) no later than 14 days from the date of this notice. The request shall be addressed to Administrative Law Judge David C. Whitcomb, Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, P.O. Box 7854, Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7854.

This is a Class 1 proceeding as defined in Wis. Stat. § 227.01(3)(a).

This is a Type I action under Wis. Admin. Code § 4.10(1). An environmental impact statement (EIS) has been prepared as necessary under Wis. Stat. § 1.11. The final EIS will be offered into evidence at the hearing in accordance with Wis. Stat. § 1.11(2)(d) and Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 4.50(3). The final EIS should be available around January 15, 2002. To receive a free copy, contact Terri Kosobucki at (608) 267-3595, or make a request by e-mail to terri.kosobucki@psc.state.wi.us or by mail at Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 7854, Madison, WI 53707-7854. Those who have received a copy of the draft EIS will automatically receive a copy of the final EIS when it becomes available.

This hearing will also meet the Department of Natural Resources (DNR's) requirements under Wis. Stat. § 1.11 and Wis. Admin. Code NR 150. Hearings on the various DNR permits needed to construct and operate this power plant may also be held. They will be noticed by DNR in the normal manner.

The Commission does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the provision of programs, services, or employment. Any person with a disability who needs accommodations to participate in this proceeding or who needs to obtain this document in a different format should contact the docket coordinator listed below.

Questions regarding this matter may be directed to docket coordinator Terri K. Kosobucki at (608) 267-3595.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, _____

By the Commission:

Lynda L. Dorr
Secretary to the Commission

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